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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 19, 2003

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Communication dated March 19, 2003 for which the one-month date for response is April 19, 2003. The office communication consisted of a "NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES."

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